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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CIVILAVIA DENIES PAA REQUEST FOR EXTRA CARGO
SECTIONS

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1. LOCAL PAA REP INFORMED EMBOFF DECEMBER 6 THAT CIVILAVIA HAS
DENIED PAA REQUEST FOR EXTRA CARGO SECTIONS TO OPERATE DECEMBER 9
AND DECEMBER 23 ON GROUNDS ALITALIA HAS SUFFICIENT SPACE AVAILABLE.

2. PAA ASKING CIVILAVIA TO RECONSIDER DENIAL AND WILL CONSULT WITH
ALITALIA IN HOPES ALITALIA MIGHT INTERVENE ON PAA'S BEHALF WITH
CIVILAVIA.

3. EMBOFF IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA)
REP FAICCADORI (DIRECTOR, CIVAIR AFFAIRS) TO EXPRESS USG CONCERN,
NOTING THAT PAA/TWA/ALITALIA AGREEMENT FOR WINTER SEASON COVERED
EXTRA SECTIONS, WHICH THEREFORE SHOULD HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY
CIVILAVIA, AND THAT CAB DID NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL
ALITALIA EXTRA SECTION AND CIVILAVIA DENIAL REFLECTS LACK OF
RECIPROCITY. EMBOFF TOLD FIACCADORI THAT CONTINUED CIVILAVIA
DENIALS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSE USG TO RECONSIDER ITS OPEN-ENDED
POLICY TOWARDS ALITALIA EXTRA SECTIONS.

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4. FIACCADORI CONTACTED CIVILAVIA, WHO TOLD HIM DENIAL BASED ON

ALITALIA ASSURANCES THAT SUFFICIENT SPACE INDEED AVAILABLE ON
ALITALIA FLIGHTS DECEMBER 9 AND 23, BUT THAT IF, ON MORNING DECEMBER
9, IT TURNED OUT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE, THEN CIVILAVIA WOULD
AUTHORIZE PAA EXTRA SECTION FOR DECEMBER 9.

5. IN VIEW THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT ON EXTRA SECTIONS, EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS FORMAL NOTE TO MFA INFORMING THEM THAT US AUTHORITIES
TAKING STEPS TO REQUIRE PRIOR CAB APPROVAL OF ALITALIA EXTRA
SECTIONS.

6. EMBASSY REQUEST WASHINGTON AGENCY REACTIONS ASAP. VOLPE

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